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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE: LUNAR SAMPLE
CEREMONY FEBRUARY 14

REF: USUN 315

FOR GEANEAS

1. CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (6 PM) IN THE PUBLIC LOBBY OF THE UN. NASA ADMINISTRATOR FROSCHE WILL PRESENT NEW LUNAR SAMPLE AND EXHIBIT (ON LOAN), AND DONATE TO THE UN LIBRARY A COPY OF THE VOYAGER RECORDING SOUNDS OF EARTH. AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM HAVE BEEN INVITED. A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW AT USUN FROM 6:30 TO 8. INVITED ARE REPRESENTATIVES TO CURRENT SESSION OF S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE, THE PRESS, AND OFFICIALS OF SECRETARIAT, OSC, AND USUN. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES PLANS TO
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ACCOMPANY DR. FROSCHE AND NASA OFFICIALS TO NEW YORK.

2. RECAP: LUNAR SAMPLE AND EXHIBIT PRESENTLY AT UN WERE LOANED IN 1970. A UN FLAG TAKEN TO THE MOON WAS DONATED AT THE SAME TIME. LAST SUMMER NASA DECIDED TO RECALL THE UN LUNAR SAMPLE FOR ANALYSIS, AND REPLACE THE 7-YEAR OLD

EXHIBIT, WHICH HAS LITTLE EXPLANATORY MATERIAL. NOVEMBER 2 STATE (IO/UNP) APPROVED THE SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA 1. IN DECEMBER THE USUN RECEPTION AREA WAS RESERVED BY HIRSCH/MACNEIL TELECON. JANUARY 24 A NASA MEMO GIVING THE SCENARIO AND GUEST LIST WAS DATAFAXED TO USUN. JANUARY 27 COPIES OF THE RELEVANT BACKGROUND MEMOS WERE MAILED TO USUN (HIRSCH, GEANEAS, GLENNON, OFFENBURGER). FEBRUARY 3 FROSC INVITATION TO WALDHEIM WAS MAILED TO SYG AND DATAFAXED TO USUN. FEBRUARY 6 INVITATIONS TO OTHER GUESTS WERE HAND-CARRIED TO USUN BY NAGY AND TAVARES OF NASA, WHO CONSULTED WITH HIRSCH AND GEANEAS.

3. NASA WAS INFORMED BY GLENNON'S OFFICE JANUARY 23 THAT UN ADMIN OFFICIALS CONSIDERED THE LUNAR SAMPLE AT THE UN TO BE UN PROPERTY, AND DID NOT WISH TO RELEASE IT. ON 0 LOOKING INTO THE MATTER IT PROVED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF 1970 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION MIGHT HAVE GIVEN THE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT THE LUNAR SAMPLE WAS DONATED TO THE UN AS WELL AS THE FLAG. IN FACT, THE SAMPLE REMAINS PROPERTY OF THE USG, HOWEVER ITS DISPOSITION CAN BE ARRANGED AFTER UN PERMISSION HAS BEEN OBTAINED TO INSTALL THE NEW EXHIBIT AND HOLD THE ATTENDANT CEREMONY.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE NEW EXHIBIT , NEW SAMPLE, AND THE FEBRUARY 14 CEREMONY, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE MISSION DO THE FOLLOWING:

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- A. SEEK WALDHEIM APPROVAL.
- B. OFFER THE UN IN WRITING THE LOAN OF A NEW LUNAR SAMPLE WITH SELF-CONTAINED DISPLAY AND ALARM SYSTEM, AND REQUEST SUITABLE SPACE AND POWER SOURCE IN THE UN PUBLIC LOBOY.
- C. REQUEST FROM THE UN AND COMMUNICATE TO NASA (MACNEIL AT 755-3866 OR NAGY 755-3936) THE TIME THE NEW EXHIBIT MAY BE DELIVERED AND INSTALLED, WHETHER THE UN WILL SUPPLY AN ELECTRICIAN, AND WHO WILL SIGN LUNAR SAMPLE DISPLAY AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND TAKE CUSTODY OF THE SAMPLE, ON BEHALF OF THE UN.
- D. INFORM THE UN THAT NASA WILL ASSUME COSTS OF INSTALLATION AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES, WILL DELIVER EXHIBIT TO THE UN PREMISES, AND WORK WITH UN PERSONNEL ON INSTALLATION. NASA WILL SUBMIT PHOTOS, TEXTUAL MATERIAL, AND FORMAT OF NEW DISPLAY TO THE UN FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE LUNAR SAMPLE EXHIBIT PRESENTLY AT THE UN, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE MISSION DO THE

FOLLOWING:

-- A. EXPLAIN TO THE UN IN WRITING THAT OWNERSHIP OF THE PRESENT DISPLAY SAMPLE WAS NOT TRANSFERRED FROM THE US TO THE UN AND ENCLOSE A COPY OF THE STANDARD NASA LUNAR SAMPLE DISPLAY AGREEMENT; REQUEST THE RETURN OF THE PRESENT SAMPLE AT A TIME MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE UN AND NASA AFTER THE TUESDAY CEREMONY; AND EXPRESS REGRET FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING.

-- B. INFORM THE UN THAT NASA WILL BEAR THE COSTS OF A UN-APPROVED REFURBISHMENT OF THE PRESENT LUNAR SAMPLE DISPLAY CASE TO HOUSE THE VOYAGER RECORDING AND THE UN FLAG FLOWN TO THE MOON.

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6. NASA REGRETS THAT DESPITE VISIT TO NEW YORK ON MONDAY BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ASSISTANT TO EXPLAIN BACKGROUND OF PARA 5, MEETING AT UN WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF STORM.

7. NASA GREATLY APPRECIATES MISSION HELP IN CONTACTING PEREK AND TIMBRELL, ADDRESSING AND DELIVERING INVITATIONS, AND DISPATCHING VEHICLES TO MEET FROSC PARTY LAGUARDIA TUESDAY 4 PM. NASA UNDERSTANDS PAO OFFENBURGER WILL ISSUE ANNOUNCEMENT TO UN PRESS CORPS CONCERNING CEREMONY AND WILL INVITE UP TO 10 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RECEPTION ON NASA'S BEHALF. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP EXPECTATION OF WALDHEIM AND YOUNG PARTICIPATION.

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